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Sidney-Richland County Library

BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

- 1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in under-served areas of the country;
- 2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
- 3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

Objectives

- 1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
- 2) cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
- 3) improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
- 4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
- 5) provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

Successes

Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Mid-Rivers	1.50	5.00

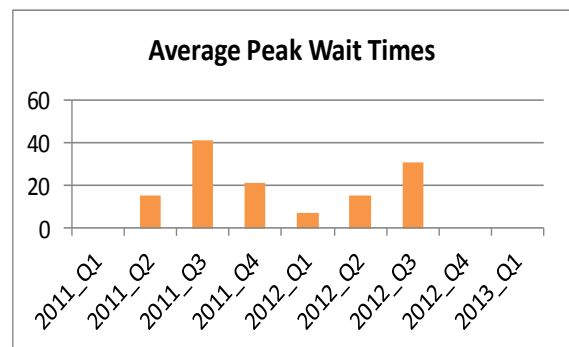
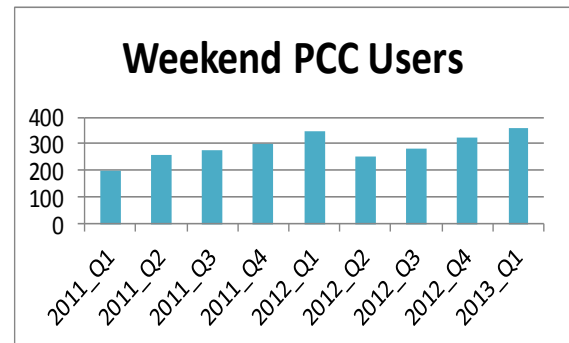
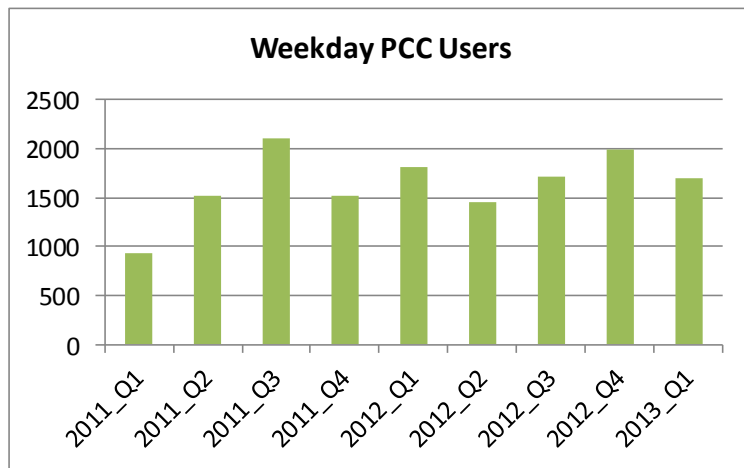
Sidney-Richland County Library Computing Center Now Offers...

- ◆ 9 desktop computers
- ◆ 2 touchscreen computers
- ◆ 11 laptop computers
- ◆ 1 laptop cart
- ◆ 4 children's computers
- ◆ 1 ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 1 Bierley magnification mouse
- ◆ 7 headphones sets
- ◆ 2 LaserJet printers
- ◆ scanner
- ◆ 1 presentation screen
- ◆ 1 projector
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
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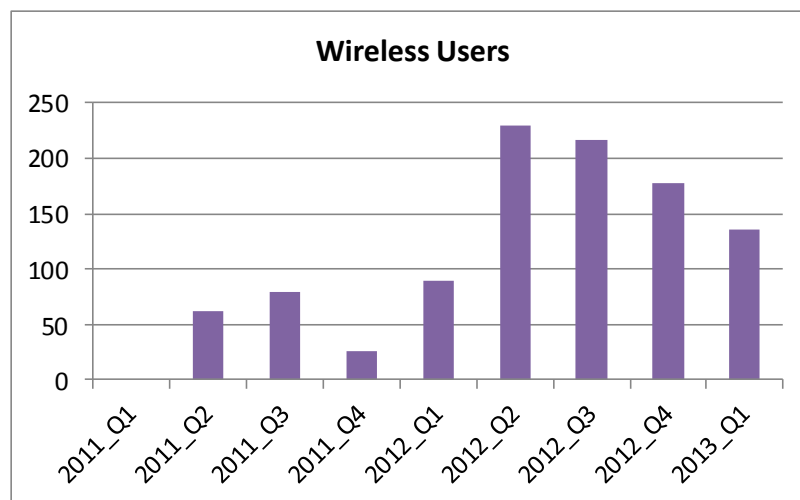


- > Thursday July 14th, 21st, 28th the laptop lab was used for Tech Thursdays. Skype & Facebook were offered to help people who wanted to learn about each.
- > On Wednesday, April 18th we had a demo day & E-reader petting zoo to show off the BTOP items along with other things. Patrons that came through all day would ask about some of the stuff.

Public Computer Center Usage



Patrons who have taken advantage of public wireless access



Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
59.85	977	16